



Four Corners Coalition

Los Angeles, Orange,
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Member Spotlight City of Ontario

SB 446's goal is to rejuvenate the Inland Empire's primary economic engine. A bill by Senate Republican Leader Bob Dutton (R-Rancho Cucamonga) to create an airport authority to oversee operations of Ontario International Airport (ONT) was approved May 3 by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Senate Bill 446 will allow the creation of an airport authority that will be comprised of four directors from the City of Ontario and three directors from the County of San Bernardino.

The legislation authorizes and encourages the authority to enter into an agreement with Los Angeles to facilitate the transfer of management and operational control of ONT from Los Angeles to the Authority. In addition, SB 446 requires the Authority, in cooperation with Los Angeles and Ontario, to develop a transition plan to facilitate the airport transfer, and to develop effective surface transportation access to

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ONT.

"I am pleased with the bipartisan support this bill has received and believe it represents an important step in increasing local participation in the operation of the Ontario International Airport," Dutton said.

Read More: <http://cssrc.us/web/31/news.aspx?id=10674&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

Study documents plunging crime rate locally, nationally

The suburban areas of the San Bernardino-Riverside county region - outside of the cities of San Bernardino, Ontario and Riverside - saw violent crime decrease nearly 45 percent between 1990 and 2008, according to a study released today by the Brookings Institute.

The 44.8 percentage decrease from 1,748 cases of violent crime per 100,000 in 1990 to 970 in 2008 was the second largest drop for a suburban area in a survey of the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas.

The findings were part of a comprehensive study that analyzed the FBI Uniformed Crime Report and U.S. Census Bureau data from 1990 to 2008.

The study found that the gap between city and suburban violent crime rates declined in nearly two-thirds of the metro areas.

The gap did not decline for this region, although city numbers decreased impressively, also.

In the study, crimes in the cities of San Bernardino, Ontario and Riverside were classified as "city" and crimes anywhere outside of those boundaries were "suburban," said Steven Raphael, study co-author and a professor in the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

Read more: http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/sanbernardinocounty/ci_18140136

Hotel Could Change Direction of City

Officials said they are hoping the arrival of an Embassy Suites will establish the city as a destination spot in the region.

Ontario officials also contend the \$25 million hotel will pave the way for more full-service hotels to venture into the area, and could help boost passenger traffic at L.A./Ontario International Airport and conferences at the Ontario Convention Center.

The Embassy Suites is at 3663 E. Guasti Road.

"Just having that brand in our city adds to an already powerful lineup that we have here," said Bob Brown, general manager and chief executive officer of the Ontario Convention Center.

Construction crews are working to finish up the eight-story, 175-room Embassy Suites.

An electrician installs a speaker near the indoor swimming pool at the Embassy Suites, which is under construction in Ontario. The 175-suite, full-service hotel will open May 30. (Will Lester/Staff Photographer)

The hotel, which is set to open May 30, will become just the seventh full service hotel in Ontario.

Read more: http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_17912969

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[OCBC Chairman's Leadership Breakfast](#) - Various Dates

[OCBC "Waiting for Superman" Movie Screening](#)- June 14, 2011

[LAEDC Mid Year Economic Forecast](#) July 20, 2011

[Breakfast with Assemblyman Mike Morrell](#) - June 24, 2011

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